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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Labor & Workforce Development (originally sponsored by Senators Kohl-Welles, Fairley, Winsley, Brown, Thibaudeau, Kline, Patterson, Fraser, Franklin, Gardner, Rasmussen, B. Sheldon, Snyder and Horn)

Brief Title: Changing work requirement provisions for the temporary assistance for needy families program.

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Provides that each recipient approved to receive temporary assistance for needy families shall be subject to an employability screen as a condition of eligibility. If the employability screen determines the recipient meets the criteria specified in RCW 74.08A.270 for a good cause exemption to work requirements the department shall defer the work requirement under RCW 74.08A.260, as long as the condition of the recipient that causes him or her to meet the exemption criteria exists.

All recipients not deferred shall be placed in the job search component. Failure to participate in the job search component shall result in sanctions as provided in RCW 74.08A.260. If a recipient fails to find employment during the job search component, the department may refer the recipient to those work activities that are directly related to improving the recipient's employability.

Declares that the number of recipients exempted or deferred from the time limit in this act shall not exceed twenty percent of the temporary assistance for needy families caseload.

Declares that recipients who are not required to meet work requirements under RCW 74.08A.270 shall receive grants, child care, and related services that are not supported by the temporary assistance for needy families block grant.